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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 15 March 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner, Col. White, Messrs. Sheldon, Kirkpatrick, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted his concern about certain statements contained in a proposed five year estimate on Communist China and commented that:

1) In some cases we reveal the source of the information on which this Estimate is based;

2) There are certain portions of the Estimate if leaked out of context can cause us considerable trouble.

The Director said before this paper goes before the IAC (now scheduled for 19 March) he would like to get comments from some of our old China hands in DD/P. ACTION: [redacted] undertook to follow through on this and to arrange a meeting with the Director on Saturday for a further discussion on this paper.

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b) Reported on the discussion at the OCB luncheon on 13 March and noted Under Secretary of State Herter had commented that some of the OCB papers contain a good deal of useful information which would be of interest to the public. The Director said no decision had been reached as to how this information would be extracted and made available, however, [redacted] had been asked to look into this.

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e) Reported that in a conversation with Deputy Secretary of State Loy Henderson on 13 March, Secretary Henderson indicated that:

1) State is prepared to go ahead on the Scientific Attache Program and is considering the appointment of a Special Assistant to the Secretary to monitor this activity -- this appointment may devolve into an Assistant Secretaryship. (Bill Webster's name was mentioned as a possibility for this post.) The National Science Foundation is to be asked to support the work of the Scientific Attaches and in all probability will be consulted on the people to be appointed;

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Colonel White:

a) Briefly reported on the organization of our courier and messenger system and undertook to consider the suggestion that the grades of couriers be increased in an attempt to obtain people who would be willing to stay with this type of job for longer periods of time.

b) Noted that building at [REDACTED] had about reached the stage where we should prepare a master plan for permanent construction. He said that such a plan would raise the problem of title to the land now occupied at this site and in particular

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ACTION: Col. White to discuss with General Cabell.

Mr. Sheldon:

Noted that the Watch Committee had gone about as far as it could on the Arab-Israeli situation and recommended that we now move into the estimate stage on this problem. The Director approved.

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